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Attorney Docket No. 186114/US/2/DJB/VEJ  
Application No. 10/003,030**REMARKS**

Reconsideration of this Application is respectfully requested. Upon entry of the foregoing amendments, claims 3, 9, 14-16, 27, 31, 40 and 67-76 are pending in the application, with claims 3, 9, 14, 27, 31, 40, 67, 69, 70, 71, 74 and 75 being the independent claims. The remaining claims have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Support for the subject matter of the amended claims is contained in the application as originally filed. Because the foregoing changes introduce no new matter, their entry is respectfully requested.

Based on the above Amendment and the following Remarks, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn.

***Allowable Subject Matter***

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 3, 9, 14-16, 27, 31, 40, 67 and 68 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants respectfully submit that claims 3, 9, 14, 27, 31, 40 and 67 been rewritten to include all of the limitations of their respective and intervening claims and are now allowable. Applicants submit that (i) claims 15 and 16 which depend from claim 14, and (ii) claim 68 which depends from claim 67, are allowable over the cited art for at least the same reasons noted above.

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 69-76 are allowed.

***Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103******Claims 1, 2, 4-8, 10-13, 17, 19-26, 28-30, 32-39 and 41-66***

The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 2, 4-8, 10-13, 17, 19-26, 28-30, 32-39 and 41-66 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,938,617 to Vo-Dinh in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,759,662 to Li, alone or in combination with U.S. Patent No. 5,973,842 to Spangenberg or U.S. Patent No. 5,477,332 to Stone et al. Applicants respectfully submit that the

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Examiner's rejections based on the above-mentioned patents have been rendered moot by the cancellation of claims 1, 2, 4-8, 10-13, 17, 19-26, 28-30, 32-39 and 41-66.

**CONCLUSION**

All of the stated grounds of objection and rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn. Applicants believe that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment of fees associated with this communication, including any necessary fees for extension of time or additional claims, and/or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2319 (Order No. 469390-00085; Docket No. 186114/US/2/DJB/VEJ).

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment and Response is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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